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#### Is Your Child Backward?

Don't Worry. So Were Darwin and Many Other Famous Men.

The school year is about over.

There are many youngsters suffering from heartaches, Decause they did not "pass" their examinations.

Mothers and fathers are fearful that their children, who failed to keep the pace of their classmates, will never amount to anything.

There is much comfort in the thought that some of our brightest men and women have been bad students, even dullards, as boys and girls.

Swift's "Mind in the Making" contains many instances of children whose retarded mental development did not keep them from being useful to the world in later years.

History is full of persons, physically weak or mentally slow in youth, who became prominent.

Carl Linnaeus, the great Swedish botanist, so impressed nis teachers with his worthlessness that they advised his father to make a shoemaker of him.

Charles Darwin, when a boy, was considerably below the average in intellect.

Sir Isaac Newton, at fifteen years of age, showed so little ability at his studies that he was taken out of school and put to work on a farm.

Oliver Goldsmith's teacher thought him one of the dullest boys she ever tried to teach. He was "impenetrably

Henry Ward Beecher, at the age of ten, was a poor writer, a bad speller, and was afflicted with a bashful reticence that appeared to be stolid stupidity.

Many children, not actually mentally slow, are of a temperament which will not permit them to progress by the same inflexible system that others do.

Swift says of Spencer:

"His native antagonism to the rote method was so intense that it prevented him from making any substantial progress during his school course in the grammar of his own or foreign languages. His mind was of the nonconforming sort, as, indeed, all superior minds are, and school organization has not yet been sufficiently perfected to take them into account."

There are many physical causes for mental retardation. Diseased adenoids and tonsils furnish much trouble for the body and brain.

Defective sight will result in poor spelling and retard a child in other studies.

Poor hearing, malnutrition, anemia, and many other physical ills may be contributory to slow development.

If your child is backward, have him examined by a reputable physician. If he is normal physically and yet can't get along well in school, try teaching him yourself at

Often a mother or father can do more than the best trained instructor in helping a child's mental development. This is especially true of the child who is not only slow, but who is bashful and sensitive.

There are dozens of good books on the market and in the Public and Congressional Libraries which will tell you just how to educate your child in everything from the alphabet to Sanskrit.

### Votes For Washington

Here's What President Jackson Said.

Did you know that President Andrew Jackson advocated VOTES FOR WASHINGTON? Here's what he told Congress in 1831:

"I deem it my duty to call your attention to the condition of the District of Columbia. It was doubtless wise in the framing of our Constitution to place the people of the District under the jurisdiction of the General Government. But to accomplish the objects they had in view it is not necessary that this people should be deprived of all the privileges of self government. Independently of the difficulty of inducing the representatives of distant States to turn their attention to projects of law which are not of the highest interest to their constituents, they are not individually nor in Congress collectively well qualified to legislate over the

much neglected, and the people are almost afraid to present their grievances lest a body in which they are not represented and which feels little sympathy in their local relations should in its attempt to make laws for them do more harm than good \* \* \*. Is it not just to allow them at least a Delegate in Congress if not a local legislative body to make laws for the District subject to the approval or rejection of Congress? I earnestly recommend the extension to them of every political right which their interests require and which may be compatible with the Constitution"

"Consequently its interests are

local concerns of the District. President Jackson was the first President to urge the election by the District of a Territorial Delegate in Congress. He said, in 1830:

the election of a Delegate to represent the wants of the citizens of the District on the floor of Congress, is not due to them and to the character of our Government. No portion of our citizens should be without a practical enjoyment of the principles of freedom, and of the United States."

"It is respectfully submitted | there is none more important than whether a provision authorizing | that which cultivates a proper relation between the governors and the governed. Imperfect as this must be in this case, yet it is believed that it would be greatly improved by a representation in Congress with the same privileges that are allowed to the other Territories

# The League of Husbands

What's a Cellar to a Trick Bed?



## Beatrice Fairfax Writes of the Problems and Pitfalls of the War Workers Especially for Washington Women

#### **TODAY'S TOPIC** ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Dispensing With An Introduction. To start a stamp boom in this column, it is only necessary to say something about "picked-up acquaintances." The other day a young "war worker" wrote a letter, on this much discussed theme, that

has evoked one notable reply. It gives the bald, cynical point of view of a young man out for a good time. His letter is a valuable document for these girls who would have their cake and eat it. too. It refers to the experiences of a girl who accepted a motor ride from a stranger and, resenting his behavior, was compelled to get out of the car and walk back the six miles to Washington. DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

was not sixteen miles instead of six. these spongers who are looking for anything and everything free. Their standard of morality is to get all the free dinners, free theaters, free rides, and free flowers they can and to squeal about morality and the duties of gentlemen when there is a suggestion of their doing something in return. Without meaning to be vindictive, nevertheless the hope cannot be repressed that more of these commercial vamps will get stung well and often in their own

Mark Twain is accredited with saying humorously, "Be good and you'll be lonesome." But one feels justified in surmising that any but the most hardened type of girl would prefer loneliness than companionship with a man who owns to the above point of view.

If She Had a Thousand Tongues.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I note with interest your advice against chance acquaintance. If I had a thousand tongues and could voice them all, I, too, would say to both men and women: "Beware of chance acquaintances." I happen to know the case of a beautiful girl who had talent for painting and music. She met a man in an unconventional way and married him after a short courtship. Later she learned he had a wife and children. Too proud to return home disgraced, she became a companion to an invalid woman. Thoroughly humbled, she felt too unworthy for the best, so again she man who has made her life unbearable. You see, the first wrong step led to lifelong mistakes and sorrow not only for herself, but her family who loved her. The man or woman who considers himself or herself so cheap that any one may call them friend must expect cheap treatment. Stick to the people you know and first learn something Anacostia, 7:30 p. m.

about those with whom you intend to associate, is the best policy.

A Question of "Frat" Pins. MY DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: Will you try to advise me on our predicament?

The other day a young man gave me his "frat" pin to wear. I didn't think much about it, I know him so well. Then through the mail the following morning I received one from

a man I went with about two years ago. He lives in a nearby town. It had his initials and mine on it. But here is the hard part. The boy whom I love spied the two of them and said I should not wear them unless I was engaged. He gave me his in place of an engagement ring and thinks I should send the others back I want your answer

any further. The convention in fraternity pins is that a girl wears the pin of the man she expects to marry. I know a good many girls disregard this custom and wear their friends' pins indiscriminately. Under the circumstances it would be better for you to return the pin of the young man you are not in

His Wife Is Engrossed With the Baby.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am a young man of twenty-four years and have a wife and baby boy whom I love very dearly. Lately my wife seems to be losing her love for me as she is so taken up with the baby. I commend her motherly spirit for our baby, but I am not being given the love and consideration that a devoted husband must have. This has caused me a great amount of anxiety and

### Once-Overs

Copyright, 1919, International Feature Service, Inc. JUST A PAT ON THE BACK. By J. J. MUNDY.

You are too stingy with your words of commendation. When you know that a person has improved, or has done something praiseworthy, why don't you compliment that person? Don't be fulsome, but natural and honest.

No matter how big a man is in this world in a professional or a business way, he likes to know his efforts are appreciated when he does something out of the ordinary, something he feels is worthy of him. You can think of many instances when friends of yours have done something you admired immensely, something you even wished you might have been able to do as well.

You may have told others about it, but why did you not tell the one most interested-the doer? It does one good to be recognized and appreciated.

Unthinking, unmeaning words of praise do more harm than good, but when you know what you are talking about pass the sunshine along in the guise of credit where it is due, and you will find yourself sharing in the happiness.

#### What's Doing; Where; When

Meeting-Alabama Society, 1314 Massa. streets northwest, 8 p. m. Meeting—Alabama Society, 1314 Massa-chusetts avenue, at 3:15 p. m.

Meeting—Barry Farms Citizens' Asso-ciation, Methodist church, Stanton and Pomeroy roads southeast, at 8 p. m.

Meeting—Business Woman's Council,
Wesley Chapel, Fifth and F streets.

Meeting—Alabama Society, 1314 Massa-Recital—Pupils of John G. Klein, Studio
Hail, 1219 Connecticut avenue, 8:15 p. m.

Picnic—Civil Service Commission, Home
Piayers Club, Great Falls.

Picnic—Mt. Pleasant Woman's Christian
Temperance Union, Chesapeake Beach. Meeting-Johnson-Powell Community Center, Powell School, at 8 p. m. Meeting-Kentucky State Society, Thom-Meeting—Kentucky State Society, Thom-son School, 8 p. m. Meeting—Thomson-Franklin Community Association, Thomson School, 8:30 p. m. Patriotic address—Congressman Will D. Upshaw, Immanuel Baptist Church, Six-teenth street and Columbia road. Concert—U. S. Marine Band, Logan Park,

Banquet—South Carolina State Society, Bible Contest—Child Welfare Department, Federation of Women's Clubs, First Congregational Church, Tenth and G Temperance Union, Chesapeake Beach.

> Tomorrow. Meeting-Wilson Normal Community Association, Wilson Normal School, Eleventh and Harvard streets northwest, 8:30 p. m. Meeting-Hadassah Society, T. W. H. A. Hall, Eleventh street and New York avenue northwest, 8:15. Celebration-McKinley Manual Training

discontent, for I have a nature that craves companionship. Now, Miss Fairfax, as you have been a friend in need to so many young people, I appeal to you for advice in this regard. There is a girl of my acquaintance who understands my predicament and who has invited me to go out with her some evening. Would I be doing wrong to see this young lady? Please advise me.

ANXIOUS. If you value your peace of mind and your family happiness, do not,

I beg of you, begin trifling with the "eternal triangle." Very naturally your wife is absorbed in the baby-she'd be a pretty poor sort of woman if she were not. And have you ever attempted to care for one of those precious prize packages? If not, relieve your wife sometime, and try to realize the amount of time it takes to keep a baby well and flourishing.

No, I would not go out with the young lady who "understands"young ladies who "understand" are not safe risks for a married man. I'd try to realize that in the natural evolution of things, a man is sometimes temporarily "cut out" by his own son. Talk to your wife and bide your time, all young fathers go through this She Cries For Him Sometimes.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am eighteen years old and have gone with many young men whom I admired, but at last I have met one that I love better than anything in the world. And he says that he loves me. Very often when I won't do as he

asks me, he will tell me that he is not coming to see me any more which nearly breaks my heart, and I beg him to come back and sometimes I even cry before he comes back. I am always thinking of

Now, Miss Fairfax, please tell me if I am doing right to let him see that I love him so learly, or should I treat him as he treats me? If I should act as he does do you think he would come back to me any A READER. It is a pretty old truism that

the thing we are absolutely certain of, interests us less than the one which has a certain element of Perhaps if the young man were proposed by the company.

less sure of your affection he would not feel at liberty to threaten you with never coming

However, I believe you are both young enough to have half a dozen love affairs before you settle down definitely and marry.

## By T. E. Powers Mr. Congressman, Can You Live On \$3 a Day?

By EARL GODWIN.

JOHN NOLAN, Congressman from California, asks that the Government establish for itself a minimum wage of three dollars a day.

That is not much to ask, but by passing his bill Congress will wipe out one of the most disgraceful wage situations in the world.

This nation, the greatest and richest on earth, is paying many of its employes less than one-half enough to live

It employs watchmen to guard its treasures and pays them TWO DOLLARS a day.

I would like to see any man in Congress live in Washington for two dollars a day.

It cost \$1,150 to keep a wife and three children, just on the very edge of proper food and clothing, in this city in 1916, according to careful inquiry by the Department of Labor-and the cost of living in many items has DOUBLED since that time.

The Nolan three-dollar-a-day bill merely asks Congress to keep its employes ALIVE. It doesn't ask for money for imported table water, such as the United States Senators buy for themselves out of public funds, nor does it contemplate anything much better than a trip to a movie show at the extreme.

There are thousands of Government employes who are receiving less than three dollars a day, which is almost a SUBSTARVATION wage, at that. There are families trying to exist on less than three dollars a day who haven't had new clothes in seven years, according to testimony before the Congressional committees.

This Government has no right to create jobs for men with responsibility and then appropriate for compensation less money than it costs to live even by the most economical

A Government that can spend two hundred thousand dollars for a reflecting pool for the Lincoln Memorial can afford to pay its watchmen and charwomen ENOUGH to

The reflecting pool will be a work of art, something to be talked of by visitors from all over the world.

Also there is something else to be talked of, and that is the same Congress which spends two hundred thousand dollars for a pretty little splash of water and spends several thousand more for private bathrooms for Senators ties a whole army of employes to their jobs with salaries so far beneath the cost of living that it is a wonder any of the recipients come through a single year of it without starving.

#### HEARD AND SEEN

House."

The thrift campaign seems to have, but CLARENDON is in the neck of been crumpled right in the middle. the woods that he represents in the About the only thing a fellow could save these days was daylight and now Congress has gone and made

even that impossible. answer to my query as to where the master General Burleson should not municipal ferryboat is, it will be found at the engineer's wharf "being fitted out with an icebreaker for this

JOHN RIGGLES says that coming siderable thought. from Balto, one can see lions and tigers and a man writing on the House of Reps. stationery says the only tigers on the road are blind

I get a letter on thin paper from old friend Nameless who wants to hang bells on the cats around town so as to warn the squirrels when the cats start to kill them.

Also he says that if we have not located Claremdons to ask the Honorable ARCHIE D. SANDERS.

ROBERT B. EDSON, 3126 11th street, sends me a little cartoon showing a man mailing a letter in a

JAMES E. GORDON says that in trash box and suggesting that Postbe held responsible for letters mailed in that fashion. The cartoon, I regret to say, cannot be published for various reasons, but it shows con-

> Salvation Army pledges from now on until further notice should be paid to PERCY FOS-TER, at room 311, Union Savings Bank Building, 710 14th street n.w. Telephone Main 2371

IRV BELT, the best dressed composing room foreman on earth, is about to buy some more clothes when he gets through paying Sig Kann "There may be many Claremdons, for a set of Arabian Nights.

#### 2-Cent Transfer Inequity

It is very evident that the Utilities take what passengers he had, so that Commission had one pulled over on he could "turn in." This was done and them when they granted the 2-cent transfer privilege. At the conference between that body and the railway officials it is easily seen that the railway company did not mention, and the Utilities Commission overlooked, the fact that a free transfer for a continuous ride in the same direction on land without change. These people its own line would be demanded by were compelled to get out on the dusty the public at points where the motive power is changed and where certain cars end their runs and are sent back to the city proper. For instance, nience of the passengers didn't seem North Capitol above V street. If you to cut any figure. It was a noticeable get on a car marked North Capitol and fact also that the conductor did not W street and wish to ride above the hand each passenger 2 cents to transpit or to Brooklyn you are made to fer when it suited the company's conpurchase a transfer at 2 cents additional, but, if you wait for a Brook- transfer at a continuous ride point if land car it costs the regular fare of it suits the passenger to do so. Now cents. If you get off an H street car it seems perfectly fair if the company with a transfer to North Capitol street compels you to transfer when you purchased at 2 cents additional you don't wish to you should be paid 2 may take a W street car and you are cents just the same as you are charged furnished on request with a free 2 cents to transfer when it suits your transfer from the pit northward. If own convenience, this free transfer is furnished on a The question of a continuous ride transfer for a continuous ride, why for one fare was settled years ago. is not one furnished for a continuous and the company is simply taking a

the Utilities Commission did not in- extra amount from so-called suburb tend this point and others like them an passengers. to be used or known as a transfer This business in the opinion of all point as transfer points are recognized in changing from one line to another. is considered the most outrageous The idea that it should make a differ- piece of injustice ever pulled over on ence of 2 cents in price in what car the Washington public, and it is eviyou should ride on on North Capitol dent that it is not going to stop there. street is simply ridiculous. It is an- The ratio of cars on North Capitol other way of getting at least a part street and to Brookland is usually of the company's first demand of 7 about seven or eight to one in favor cents for suburban travel. It is also of North Capitol and W street, and

car No. 1632, marked "Brookland," was full, but the Brookland car, which folabout to leave the pit at V street. It lows this string, is most always a side was followed closely by another door "pay-as-you-enter" and packed to Brookland car. In the hearing of all suffocation. In justice to the riding the passengers in the front car the in- public, "What is the Utilities Commisspector told the conductor to run to sion going to do about it:" Nothing? Fourth street and Michigan avenue and wait for the car behind and then

were invited to "take the car ahead

In this case a Brookland car did not run to Brookland, although the passengers took that car in perfectly "Brookland" it would run to Brookroadway in the heat and sun and change cars to suit the convenience of the railway company. The inconvevenience, but they charge 2 cents to

mean advantage of this oversight of It is very evident that in all fairness the Utilities Commission to gouge an

concerned except the railway company phase of the zone system also furthermore, these W street cars are usually summer cars to the extent of On Saturday, June 14, at 1:05 p. m., one-half and most always only half

1409 Lawrence street northeast.